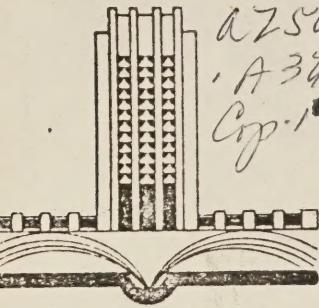


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AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS

NOTE: The term "Azalea", once a scientific name, now is merely a common name for one type of rhododendron. The scientific meaning of "Rhododendron" covers all types of rhododendrons, including azaleas. But "Rhododendron" also has a common, non-scientific meaning, which excludes Azaleas.

POPULAR BOOKS

- Rhododendron Information.* American Rhododendron Society. Available from the Society, Rt. 1, Box 748, Salem, OR. 1967. 251 p. \$5.00.
- Rhododendrons & Azaleas.* C.G. Bowers. 2nd edition. Macmillan, New York. 1960. Out-of-print.
- Handbook on Rhododendrons and Their Relatives.* Brooklyn Botanic Garden Record, Plants & Gardens. This handbook is a special edition of *Plants & Gardens*, Vol. 27, No. 2. Published by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225. 1971. 96 p. \$1.50.
- Dwarf Rhododendrons.* P.A. Cox. Macmillan, New York. 1973. 296 p. \$9.95.
- Rhododendrons and Azaleas.* P. Edinger. Sunset Books, Lanes Books, Menlo Park, CA. 1970. 80 p. \$1.95.
- Native and Some Introduced Azaleas for Southern Gardens, Kind and Culture.* F.C. Galle. Booklet No. 2. Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Pine Mountain, GA 31822. 24 p. \$6.95.
- Azaleas.* F.C. Galle. Oxmoor House, Birmingham, AL. 1974. 96 p. \$1.95 (Paperback).
- Rhododendrons & Azaleas.* I.R. La Croix. Newton Abbot (Eng.). David & Charles. 1973. 256 p. \$11.95.
- Rhododendrons of the World.* D.G. Leach. Scribner, 1961. \$30.00.
- The Azalea Book.* 2nd edition. F.P. Lee. D. Van Nostrand Co., Princeton, N.J. 1965. 435 p. \$12.00. Out-of-print.
- The Glenn Dale Azaleas.* B.Y. Morrison. USDA, Agriculture Monograph No. 20, Washington, D.C. 1953. 85 p. Out-of-print.
- Growing Plants is Easy and Profitable.* F.A. O'Hagan. Nagaho Publishing Co., Miller Place, N.Y. 11764. 1972. 145 p.
- The Rothschild Rhododendrons: A Record of the Gardens at Exbury.* C.E.L. Phillips and P.N. Barber. Cassell & Company Ltd., London. 1967. 138 p. Out-of-print.
- Growing Azaleas and Rhododendrons.* USDA Home & Garden Bulletin 71. 1976. Request from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. 8 p. \$0.35.
- Azaleas and Rhododendrons at the National Arboretum.* USDA Program Aid 491. 1974. 6 p. Free.
- Rhododendrons in America.* T. Van Veen. Sweeney, Krist, and Dimm, Inc., Portland, OR. 1969. 176 p. \$20.00.
- Hybrids and Hybridizers Rhododendrons and Azaleas for Eastern North America.* F.H. West. Harrowood Books, Newton Square, PA. 1977. 240 p. \$25.00

PERIODICALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Rhododendron Society Quarterly Bulletin. Address: Rt. 2, Box 600, Aurora, OR 97002. \$12.00 per year (includes membership). There are 40 local chapters of the Society.

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Bovee's Nursery, 1737 S.W. Coronado Street, Portland, OR 97219.
Carlson's Gardens, Box 305, South Salem, N.Y. 10590.
Flowerwood Nursery, Inc., Route 1, Box 130, Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, AL 36605.
Frank B. White, Jr., Azalea Acres Farm, 6419 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, MD 20801.
Garden Valley Nursery, Inc., 12960 NE 181st Street, P.O. Box 10, Bothell, WA 98011.
Girard Nurseries, P.O. Box 428, Geneva, OH 44041.
Greer Gardens, 1280 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, OR 97401.
Holly Heath Nursery, Inc., Box 55A, Calverton, N.Y. 11933.
J. Blaauw & Co., Lincroft, N.J. 07738.
Le-Mac Nurseries, Inc., P.O. Box 268, Hampton, VA 23669.
Mitsch Nursery, Route 3, Box 400, Aurora, OR 97002.
Shammarello & Son Nursery, 4508 Monticello Blvd., South Euclid, OH 44143.
The Tankard Nurseries, Exmore, VA 23350.
Thomas Henny Nursery, 7811 Stratford Drive NE, Brooks, OR 97305.
Van Veen Nursery, 4201 SE Franklin, Portland, OR 97206.

Additional retail and wholesale sources are listed in *Nursery Source Guide*, a handbook published by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in their *Plants & Gardens*, v. 33, no. 2 (Summer 1977).

RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA CULTURAL TIPS

Plant 12-16 inch plants of cold hardy varieties in the early spring about half as deeply as you think you should. Cover the rootball in a raised fashion with oak leaf compost, pine needles, or fine pine bark mulch. Water these newly planted rhododendrons or azaleas during the summer dry period. Rhododendron and evergreen azaleas need half shade. Deciduous azaleas need full sun. Give plants a drench using a watering pail with a mixture of Miracid fertilizer and Isotox for lacebug and mite control about May 15 in the late afternoon. Prune plants after they bloom to suit yourself. Make azalea cuttings for new plants around July 4 and rhododendron cuttings in October.

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